

Hirohito May Be Spared, as Japanese Spiritual Head

Analysis of the News by Mackenzie

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The picture may change later. Talk of forcing them into war jobs may rise again. That is not likely. The 4-F's have been puzzled for weeks while the House Military Committee considered this problem of best using them.

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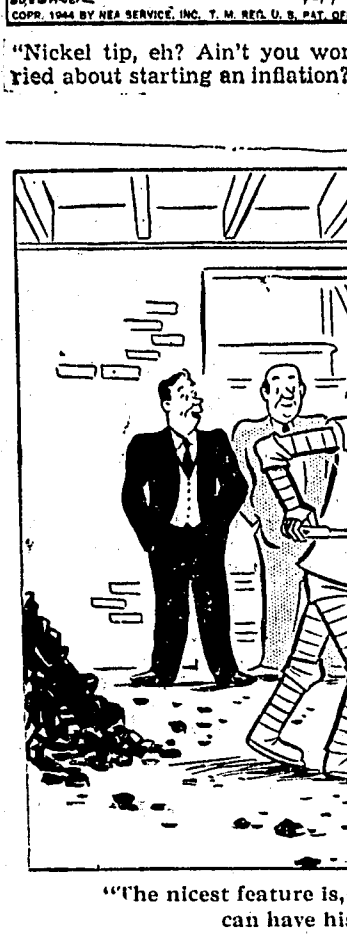
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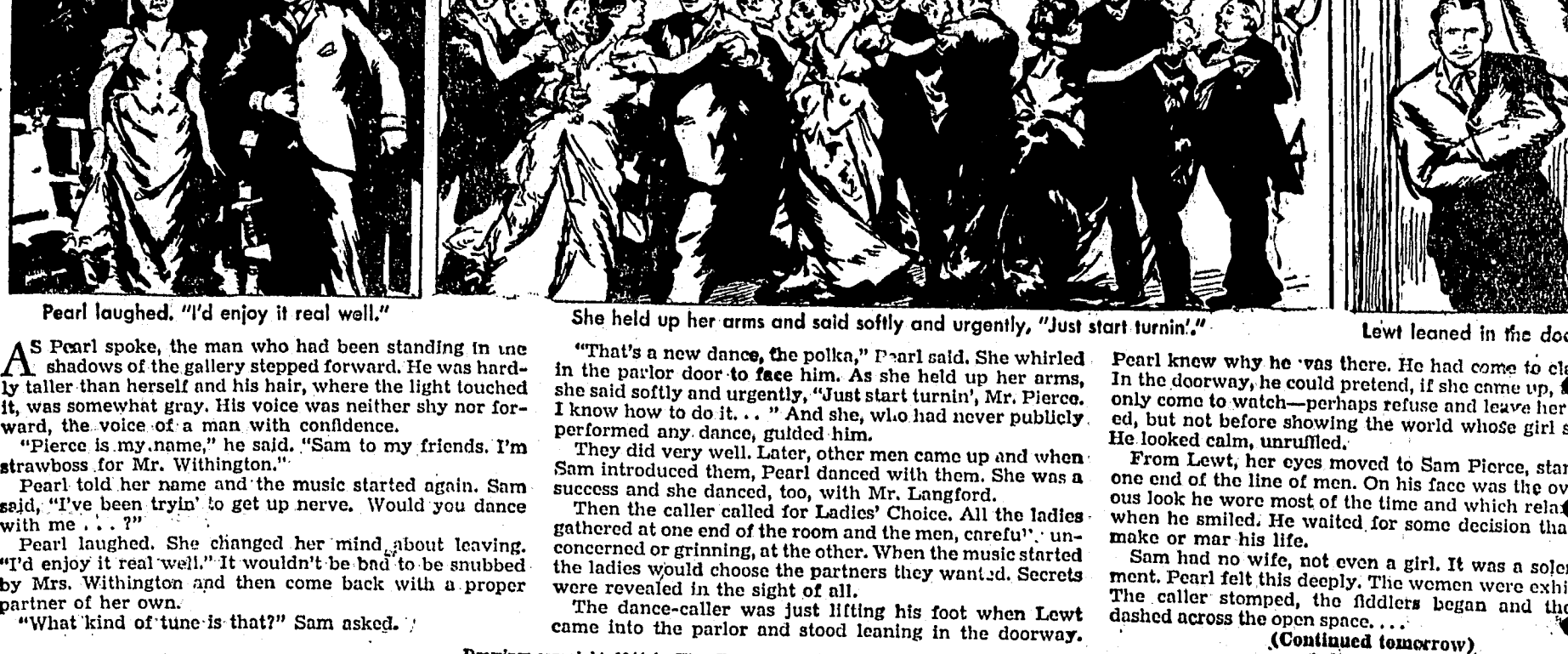
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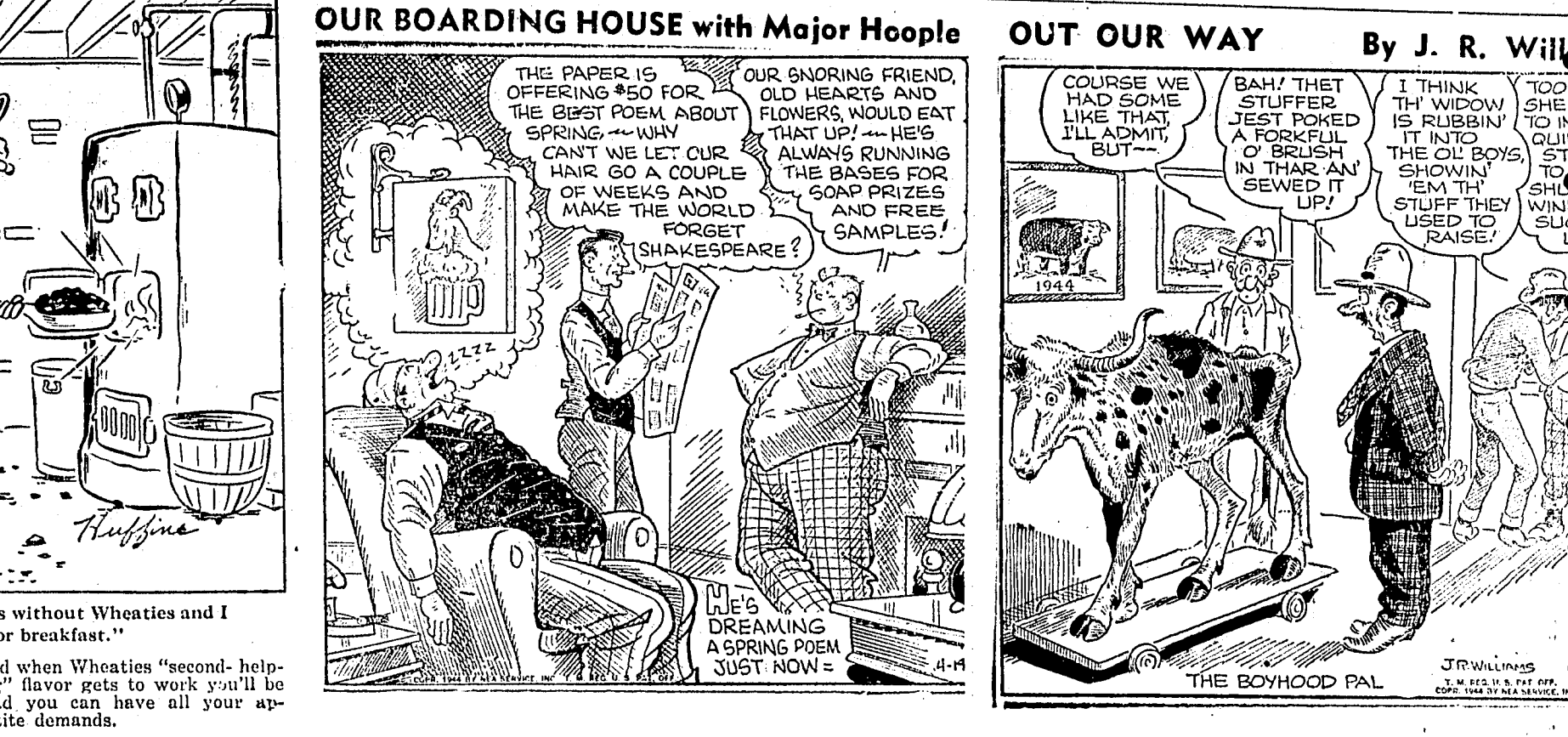
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FDR's Health Bars Running, Says Wheeler

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The senator, after a speaking engagement, gave his views to reporters at a press conference last night.

"President Roosevelt's health," he said, "has not been good since the Tehran conference. Because of it, he will not be a candidate. In fact, I am certain he does not want the nomination."

"I don't believe General George Marshall will be nominated. I don't think the American people should elect a military man. I feel the same way about any general. Including General MacArthur."

Wheeler maintained that the Democratic party had been in power too long and that, as a result, had made many enemies.

"The Democrats can't expect to win the election," he said, "except by the landslide. The Roosevelt line will be in the doubtful ground this fall, including the grand old state of Massachusetts."

Turning to a discussion of Governor Dewey, Wheeler said he had no opinion on whether Dewey would be elected. "I don't know," he said, "but I think Dewey will be elected."

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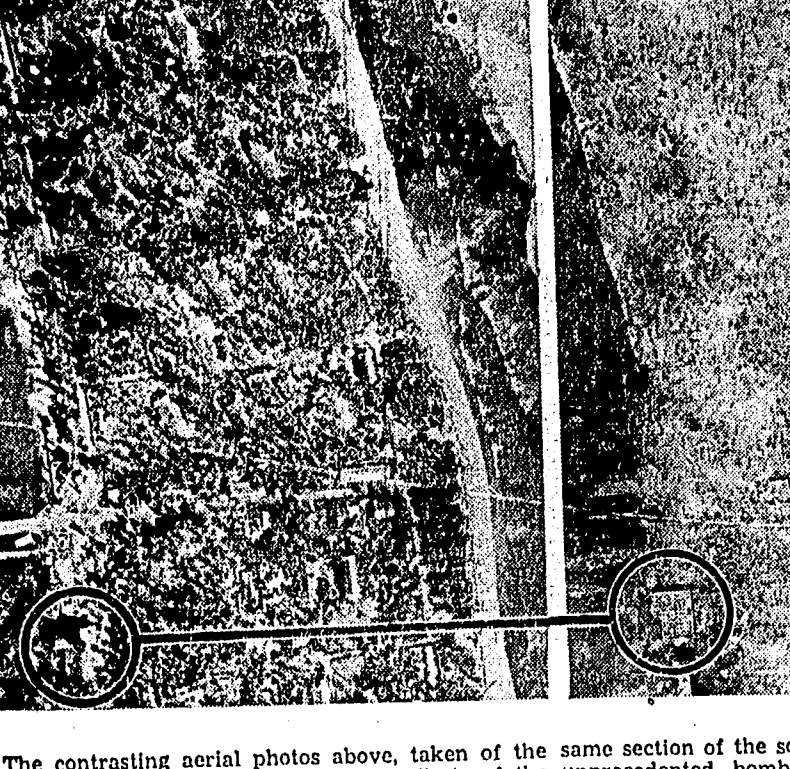
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Here's What 'Wiped Out' Means

Washington, April 19.—(AP)—The U. S. Navy today announced that it had "wiped out" a large number of Japanese submarines in the Pacific Ocean.



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Gen. Bradley 'Silent Man' of Invasion

By WEB GALLAGHER
London, April 19.—(AP)—The "Silent Man" of the invasion, General Omar Bradley, chief of the American ground forces, is known to the general public as the "Silent Man."

